

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Replacement Sheets for Figures 3, 7 and 8 are attached hereto, which amend those Figures to add the legend Prior Art, in compliance with paragraph 1 of the Official Action.

## REMARKS

This AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 is filed in reply to the outstanding Office Action of January 9, 2004, and is believed to be fully responsive thereto for reasons set forth below in greater detail.

Responsive to paragraph 1 of the Official Action, Replacement Sheets for Figures 1, 7 and 8 are attached hereto.

Responsive to paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the Official Action, claims 12-14 and the specification and drawings have been reviewed in detail, particularly in view of the explanation in paragraph 4 of the Official Action, with the following conclusions.

In general, the description in the specification presents an adequate but sometimes unwieldy translated explanation of the present invention. It is noted that the Examiner appears to understand the novelty and technology of the present invention in the comments in paragraph 4 of the Official Action.

In view thereof, claim 12 has been amended to clarify the advance and novelty of the present invention. Moreover, the specification has been amended in the paragraphs starting at page 12, line 28 and page 16, line 19, to clarify some of the explanations, particularly in the context of claim 12 (currently amended).

The amended paragraph at page 16, line 19, and particularly the insert, is supported by the original specification in the paragraphs starting at page 3, line 26; page 5, line 4; page 6, line 19; page 13, line 6; and page 13, line 26.

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone

conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,

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